of trains. A thrust has been given to expeditiously complete the capacity enhancement works so as to create additional capacity for movement of trains.

Crime in trains

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime in trains has been on the rise during the recent past;

(b) the details of complaints registered by RPF/GRP and prosecution cases instituted based thereon, railway zone-wise during the last five years till 31st December, 2004; and

(c) whether any additional steps are being taken, particularly for identification of the vulnerable rail routes, for augmenting safety of passengers, during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. According to Entry No. 2 of the State List of the Constitution of India. 'Police' (including Railways and village Police), is a State subject. Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police have a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways. Prevention and detection of crime is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments, and as such, Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways.

However, the information pertaining to complaints registered by Government Railway Police of the State Governments and prosecution of offenders during the last five years reveal that the overall crime in trains has decreased. During the year 2004, *i.e.* under the head of Murder, Dacoity, Robbery, Rape & Theft of passengers' belongings, 7184 cases

were registered out of which 1893 offenders were prosecuted as compared to registration of 7499 cases and prosecution of 1923 offenders during the year.2003. A Statement showing the details of such cases registered and persons prosecuted over each zonal railways during the last five years *i.e.* 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 & 2004 is given in Statement-I (*See* below). The cases of crime on railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police of the concerned State Government.

In addition to the above Indian Penal Code (IPC) Crimes, Railway Protection Force has also prosecuted under the Railways Act. The details of persons prosecuted, convicted and fine realized from them is given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

From July 2004 to March 2005, **90** cases of **drugging, 151** cases of luggage lifting. **45** cases of possession of illegal arms, **51** cases of gold chain/mangal sutra **snatching, 222** cases of charas/ganja smuggling and **261** cases of other IPC offences were detected **by RPF** over the Railways and handed over to the Government Railway Police. In addition, **832** FIRs were accepted from victim passengers and handed over to Government Railway Police for expeditious registration of offences and enquiry. RPF have also **rescued 131 minor girls** and boys from Railway Stations and trains and handed them over to either their parents or NGOs.

(c) To provide better security to the travelling passengers in trains and passenger areas, the RPF Act, 1957 and the Railways Act, 1989 have been amended to enable the Railways, through the RPF, **to effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways.** The Railway Protection Force staff are being deployed to escort many trains and deployed in the passenger area to augment the efforts of the State Government. RPF has also been empowered to deal with the minor offences affecting the train operations such as Alarm chain pulling, roof travel, touting, ticket less travel, unauthorized entry etc. (except Sabotage related offences under Sections 150 to 152) amending the Railways Act w.e.f. July 2004. The objective was to ensure that the State Police (Government Railway Police) get more man power and time to handle heinous offences such as Murder,

Dacoity, Robbery, Rape etc. including Sabotage and Train Wrecking, under the provisions of Indian Penal Code, the Railways Act and other laws of the land.

The position in the sections, trains and stations affected by crime is periodically reviewed in the co-ordination meetings held by the officers of the Railways with the State Police. In these Meetings, the situation is reviewed and remedial measures taken accordingly. The deployment of staff is modified depending upon the situation and trains from time to time. Whenever there is a flare-up of violent incidents in any section, all-out efforts are made in co-ordination with the State Police to control the situation, by actively assisting them with additional man power and other resources. In addition to have better liaison, mobility and co-ordination in effectively supplementing the efforts of State Governments in controlling crime, the Railway Protection Force has been equipped with additional road vehicles; communication equipments and modern sophisticated and effective weapons (5.56 mm INSAS rifles, carbines and pistols).

From July 2004, after amendment of RPF Act out of its total sanctioned strength of 66,170, which includes 658 lady constables, Railway Protection Force is providing on an average of **1,134 escort parties** per day in affected trains, in co-ordination with the State Governments, for which an average of **3,431** staff are deployed. In addition, **557 stations** on average are being provided security by Railway Protection Force with deployment of approximately **3,008** personnel **daily.** These deployments are in addition to **2103 Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel** deployed on trains and **4863 personnel** deployed on the railway premises, in order to further strengthen the security. As a result of the above measure **3237 trains** are being escorted by either Railway Protection Force (RPF) or Government Railway Police (GRP). The offenders apprehended by RPF staff are forwarded to the concerned Government Railway Police (GRP) with detailed report regarding the offence for registration of cases and further legal action. The entire Railway system is thus covered by the Railway Protection Force and the State Police.

Statement-I

The cases of crimes reported in trains over zonal railways during the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004

Rly	Description	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
		Regd	Prosecuted	Regd	Prosecuted	Regd	Prosecuted	Regd	Prosecuted	Regd	Prosecuted
CR	Murder	2	0	0	0	4	9	5	18	3	5
	Dacoity	3	5	3	11	3	8	1	0	3	7
	Robbery	10	10	11	25	10	10	10	17	14	23
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	1028	413	862	434	859	430	1071	474	1093	491
	TOTAL	**1043**	**428**	**876**	**470**	**876**	**457**	**1087**	**509**	**1113**	**526**
ER	Murder	9	0	1	0	8	3	6	0	5	1
	Dacoity	15	9	14	23	11	16	9	16	19	18
	Robbery	29	12	24	14	21	8	20	8	20	13
	Rape	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Theft of belongings	451	138	322	168	253	105	205	45	198	53
	TOTAL	**504**	**159**	**361**	**205**	**294**	**132**	**240**	**69**	**243**	**85**
ECR	Murder	9	15	7	0	8	6	8	4	13	2
	Dacoity	33	44	32	38	41	20	46	40	64	62
	Robbery	15	25	21	14	37	13	43	10	26	13
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Theft of belongings	370	104	490	102	421	105	509	53	391	68
	TOTAL	**427**	**188**	**550**	**154**	**507**	**144**	**606**	**107**	**495**	**145**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
ECOR	Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dacoity	2	1	4	4	0	0	1	1	1	1
	Robbery	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	4	3
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	197	27	187	17	207	18	216	12	137	24
	TOTAL	**199**	**28**	**193**	**23**	**207**	**18**	**218**	**14**	**142**	**28**
NR	Murder	18	1	15	4	5	2	9	6	6	2
	Dacoity	11	29	13	17	8	8	2	1	5	16
	Robbery	25	23	27	10	25	17	16	8	6	6
	Rape	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Theft of belongings	1435	221	1444	147	1321	267	670	190	493	128
	TOTAL	**1490**	**274**	**1500**	**182**	**1359**	**294**	**697**	**205**	**511**	**153**
NCR	Murder	3	6	2	5	3	4	0	0	4	3
	Dacoity	3	13	9	62	2	8	3	15	6	31
	Robbery	8	17	18	27	6	9	9	23	10	18
	Rape	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1
	Theft of belongings	1535	196	1816	163	1383	190	1037	134	761	143
	TOTAL	**1560**	**234**	**1845**	**257**	**1394**	**211**	**1050**	**175**	**782**	**196**

NER	Murder	4	4	4	4	0	0	4	8	2	0
	Dacoity	12	46	4	10	7	13	1	0	2	0
	Robbery	17	24	7	4	4	5	7	20	11	9
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	41	9	83	6	106	19	81	16	39	14
	TOTAL	**74**	**83**	**98**	**24**	**117**	**37**	**93**	**44**	**54**	**23**
NFR	Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
	Dacoity	9	9	8	4	14	15	13	5	12	4
	Robbery	13	10	8	0	15	0	14	4	8	7
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Theft of belongings	84	41	92	29	114	21	143	18	164	35
	TOTAL	**106**	**60**	**108**	**33**	**143**	**36**	**174**	**27**	**190**	**46**
NWR	Murder	4	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
	Dacoity	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	2	6	1	2	2	3	2	1
	Rape	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
	Theft of belongings	36	9	63	19	83	21	54	25	51	20
	TOTAL	**40**	**17**	**67**	**25**	**86**	**25**	**56**	**28**	**55**	**23**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SR	Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Dacoity	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
	Robbery	2	2	5	1	11	0	1	1	2	1
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	150	25	114	35	121	60	124	40	141	15
	TOTAL	**153**	**27**	**119**	**36**	**132**	**60**	**127**	**41**	**145**	**17**
SCR	Murder	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Dacoity	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	5
	Robbery	4	0	12	4	7	1	12	4	1	0
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	Theft of belongings	421	98	447	123	510	101	605	94	491	99
	TOTAL	**427**	**98**	**466**	**128**	**519**	**102**	**618**	**99**	**494**	**104**
SER	Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Dacoity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	16	19	6	2	17	43	19	36	17	20
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	171	21	143	18	177	28	114	16	123	18
	TOTAL	**187**	**40**	**149**	**20**	**194**	**71**	**134**	**52**	**140**	**38**

SECR	Murder	0	0	2	4	5	10	2	1	0	0
	Dacoity	3	18	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	6	3	2	3	0	0	3	1	2	0
	Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	Theft of belongings	158	35	180	32	142	47	174	19	147	36
	TOTAL	**167**	**56**	**184**	**39**	**149**	**64**	**179**	**21**	**151**	**38**
SWR	Murder	14	12	12	7	14	8	13	11	20	2
	Dacoity	1	0	3	0	4	8	7	6	1	6
	Robbery	13	11	11	5	16	13	10	7	6	5
	Rape	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	32	17	68	1	60	7	72	12	79	7
	TOTAL	**60**	**40**	**95**	**17**	**94**	**36**	**102**	**36**	**106**	**20**
WR	Murder	4	6	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
	Dacoity	7	17	3	14	4	16	7	19	2	3
	Robbery	57	19	88	16	76	24	88	42	84	37
	Rape	0	0	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0
	Theft of belongings	1085	301	1212	314	1110	352	1276	344	1554	327
	TOTAL	**1153**	**343**	**1310**	**346**	**1196**	**397**	**1373**	**405**	**1642**	**367**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WCR	Murder	1	0	0	0	1	8	1	0	1	1
	Dacoity	1	5	2	15	2	5	4	20	1	3
	Robbery	16	15	11	5	23	4	12	12	14	16
	Rape	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Theft of belongings	597	85	517	68	634	71	728	59	904	63

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	TOTAL	**616**	**105**	**530**	**88**	**660**	**88**	**745**	**91**	**921**	**84**
TOTAL	Murder	69	52	52	25	51	51	55	48	64	60
	Dacoity	102	196	100	198	100	124	96	123	118	157
	Robbery	231	190	255	138	269	149	267	197	227	172
	Rape	3	2	4	10	6	6	2	4	9	7
	Theft of belongings	7791	1740	8040	1676	7501	1842	7079	1551	6766	1541
GRAND TOTAL		**8196**	**2180**	**8451**	**2047**	**7927**	**2172**	**7499**	**923**	**7184**	**1893**

Statement-II

The Performance of RPF Under Various Sections of Railways ACT During the Years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004

Rly.	Description	Years 2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CR	No. of persons prosecuted	304380	83274	105113	46253	64640
	No. of persons convicted	303834	82285	104881	46251	64633
	Amount of fine realised	32466562	13320781	16742804	6492449	9924555
ER	No. of persons prosecuted	37544	36537	29373	30501	54462
	No. of persons convicted	19745	26057	26721	28674	53200
	Amount of fine realised	2841944	3725462	3120248	3649262	8116040
ECR	No. of persons prosecuted			13846	21012	44515
	No. of persons convicted			7393	20271	43201
	Amount of fine realised			2564895	4423488	9312819
ECOR	No. of persons prosecuted				73990	12715
	No. of persons convicted				73544	10698
	Amount of fine realised				12464964	893974

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	No. of persons prosecuted	33923	36323	38675	27688	39975
NR	No. of persons convicted	32261	34483	36626	26715	38921
	Amount of fine realised	5493781	5580234	6602912	5650817	7871887
	No. of persons prosecuted				32502	48710
NCR	No. of persons convicted				29187	48138
	Amount of fine realised				8241337	125881799
	No. of persons prosecuted	5862	7094	4556	5378	9764
NER	No. of persons convicted	5261	6204	3671	4107	9303
	Amount of fine realised	1831311	2214352	1622675	1423447	3233115
	No. of persons prosecuted	2487	2510	3044	3220	3816
NFR	No. of persons convicted	2331	2310	2449	2227	3165
	Amount of fine realised	518142	872181	852324	719730	964800
	No. of persons prosecuted			19703	7335	14323
NWR	No. of persons convicted			18743	6630	12258
	Amount of fine realised			2065026	905263	1441540

	No. of persons prosecuted	70775	88381	100386	88497	81543
SR	No. of persons convicted	68939	86702	99346	88402	81410
	Amount of fine realised	8187394	10843863	13129899	14154646	14426917
	No. of persons prosecuted	34831	31273	34665	27445	30150
SCR	No. of persons convicted	34670	31111	25719	27089	29315
	Amount of fine realised	3717463	3709501	4818759	3936887	4456947
	No. of persons prosecuted	29363	18577	22569	11649	16795
SER	No. of persons convicted	25093	14975	17940	8898	13468
	Amount of fine realised	3181337	2317133	3041197	1743815	2696584
	No. of persons prosecuted				5522	8787
SECR	No. of persons convicted				4841	6989
	Amount of fine realised				886055	1286047
	No. of persons prosecuted				25483	28153
SWR	No. of persons convicted				25483	28147
	Amount of fine realised				1942958	2107989
	No. of persons prosecuted	272398	46641	88191	95668	124005
WR	No. of persons convicted	271689	46122	87667	95432	123284

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Amount of fine realised	12841337	3896839	7606026	9262946	19401953
	No. of persons prosecuted				69127	64976
WCR	No. of persons convicted				68750	63607
	Amount of fine realised				9740456	10276617
	No. of persons prosecuted	**791563**	**350610**	**460121**	**571270**	**647338**
TOTAL	**No. of persons convicted**	**763823**	**330249**	**431156**	**556501**	**629737**
	Amount of fine realised	**71079271**	**46480346**	**62166765**	**85638520**	**108993583**